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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS PAYNE TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COORDINATING COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Anne Payne** of Cary to the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.

Payne is a geographic information services administrator at Wake County Geographic Information Services in Raleigh. She is a past member of the Urban and Regional Systems Board of Directors and past president of the Carolina Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). Payne received the URISA Service Award in 2004. She received her Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from East Carolina University and her Master's in public administration from N.C. State University.

The council develops policies regarding the utilization of geographic information systems and other related technologies. The council also advises the governor, General Assembly and Information Resource Management Commission on responsibilities and funding regarding geographic information. The purpose of this council is to foster cooperation among government agencies, universities and the private sector. The council has 34 members, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints nine members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House each appoint three members. The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, President of the UNC System, President of the Community College System, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chair of the Utilities Commission, State Budget Officer, and the secretaries of the departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Transportation, Administration, Commerce, Crime Control and Public Safety, Health and Human Services, and Revenue also serve on the council.

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